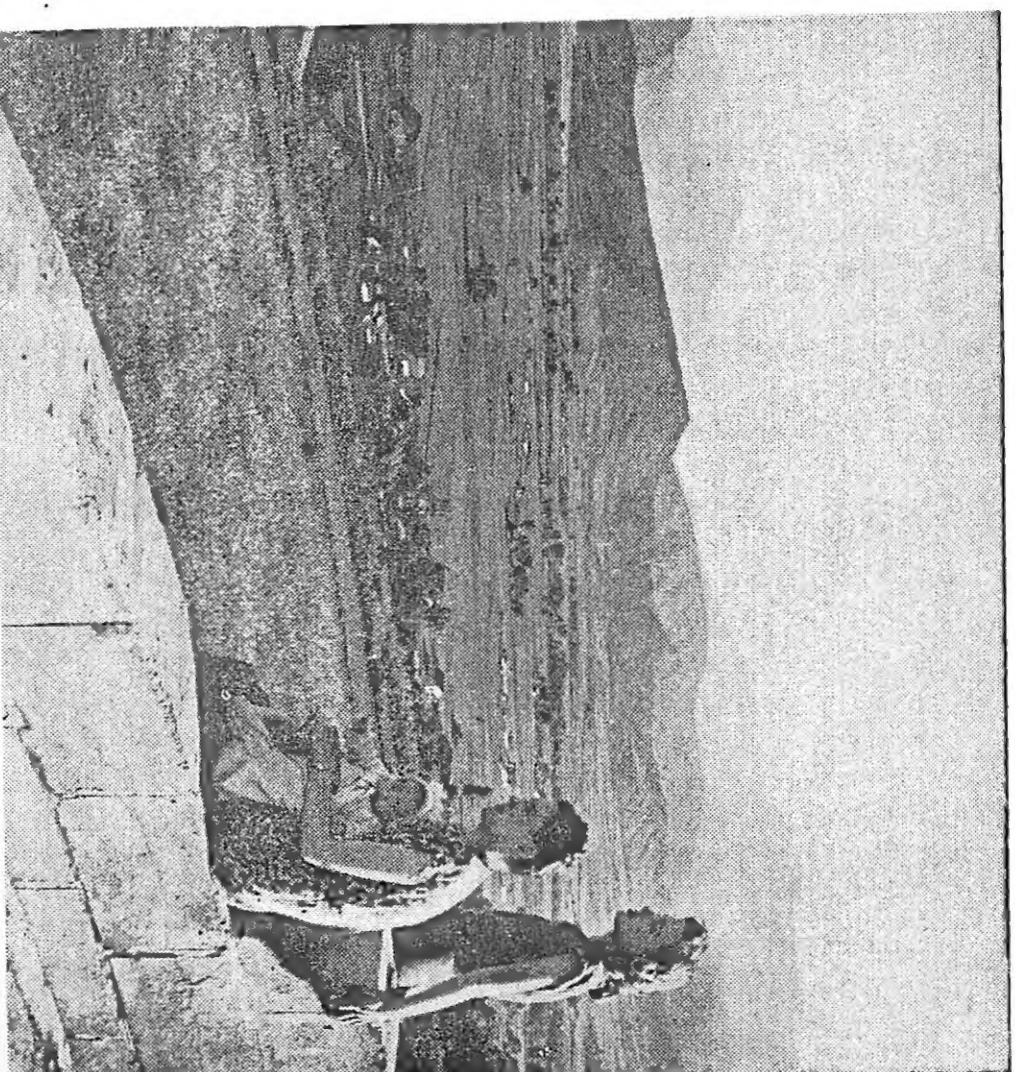


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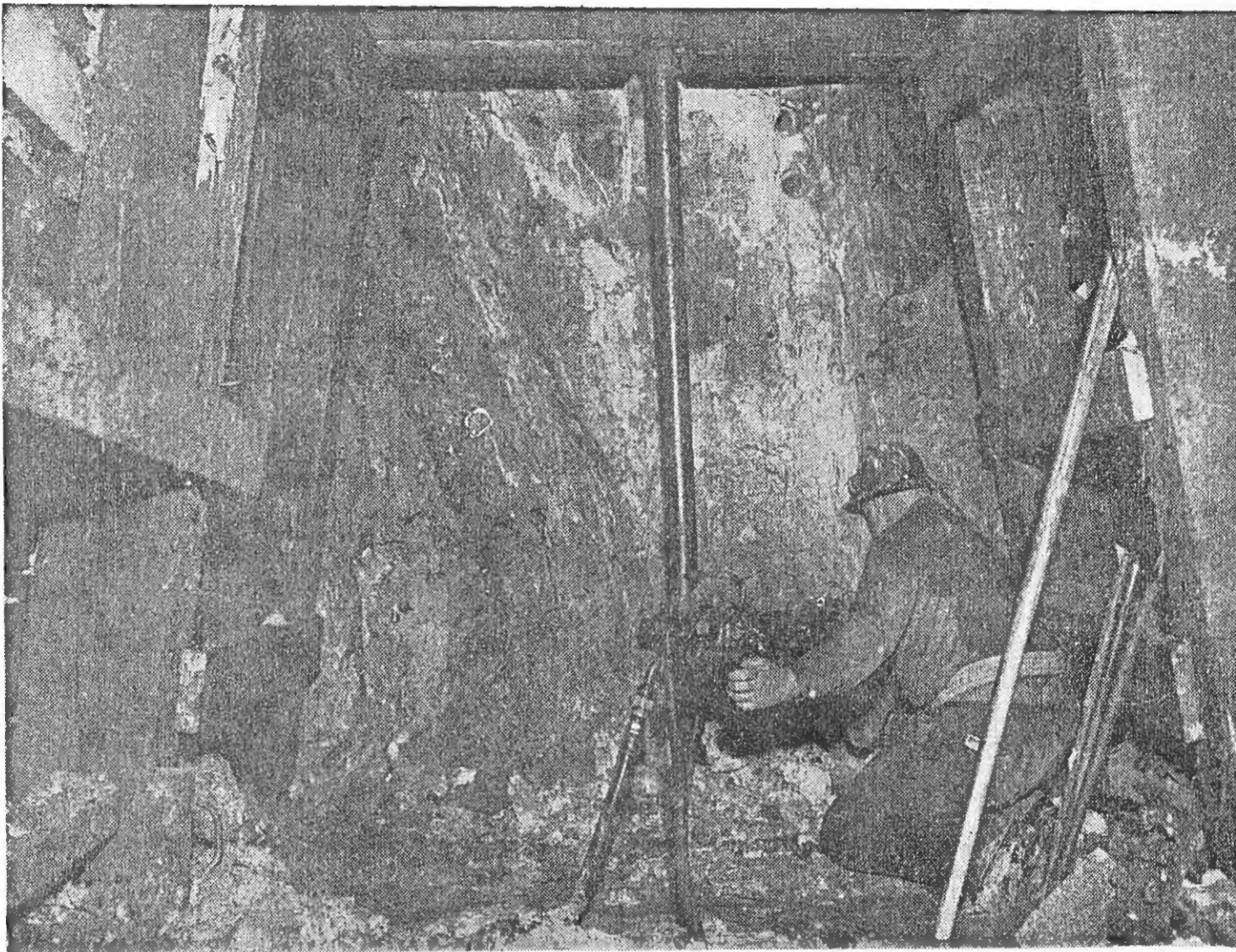
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*Beauty is my business—*





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to the east near Center creek. William Wall, who later established Wallsburg, established the first residence in the section now covered by Deer Creek reservoir.

The 17 English families were the first known white people to spend a winter in the valley. They established their New London north of Heber. At a conference of these people, who numbered more than 200 by 1861, the name of Heber was selected to honor Heber C. Kimball, who was first counselor to Brigham Young.

**T**HE COUNTY includes the higher sections of the drainage area which provides water for Utah and Salt Lake valleys. The Strawberry and Deer Creek reservoirs are both located here.

The streams of the county have long been the paradise of fishermen. On opening day this spring there was hardly room to cast, either along the stream banks or from the boats which crowded Deer Creek reservoir. Good fishermen still find their trout.

"The scenery of Wasatch county is marvelous" and "the grandest view of Mount Timpanogos is to be had from the Heber side" are expressions of Salt Lake's Mayor Earl J. Glade.

**H**EBER CITY is the county seat. It is one of the progressive communities of Utah. Its

make it one of the summer garden spots of the intermountain area. The Wasatch mountains on the west with their rugged skyline and the rugged, snow-capped peaks of the Uintah mountains skirted with soft, green blankets of aspen and evergreens lend an atmosphere of grandeur to the surrounded valleys below.

Coalville, the county seat, is 44 miles northeast of Salt Lake City and 48 miles east of Ogden. It is located on U. S. highway 30, a main oiled highway connecting the east and the west. Its rock courthouse was constructed in 1903.

From the grassy valley floors, on the foothills, up the mountainsides and onto the higher plateaus thousands of sheep and cattle graze during the cool summer months, laying on fat for the fall markets.

**S**UMMIT COUNTY'S watersheds are extremely important to the agricultural and business economy of Utah, since four of the state's largest rivers have their fountainheads within a few miles of each other in the high Uintah mountains. These four rivers are the Bear river, Weber river, Provo river and Duchesne river.

The total area of Summit county is 1,960,000 acres. Out of this total, 657,641 acres are owned as private grazing lands,

residents, in addition to supplying the local county population. Dairying has gradually increased over the years, until it is the largest agricultural enterprise in the county, with over \$1,125,000 income per year.

Small stock farms can boast of some of the finest quality mink in the intermountain area. The mink enterprise furnishes a living for 10 or more families.

Of course, agriculture is fundamental to the whole economy and welfare of the county population. Numerous merchants, professional people and various businesses derive their living largely from the production of Summit county's 490 farms.

**P**ARK CITY, with its metal mines, is a major factor in the cash income and living economy of Summit county. The Park City mining district embraces about 30 square miles, including Uintah, Snake Creek, Blue Ridge and Elkhorn districts in Summit and Wasatch counties. There are 11 shafts, 15 miles of haulage and drainage tunnels and 450 miles of underground working area.

Mines operating in 1946 were the New Park Mining Co., Park Utah Consolidated Mining Co., Silver King Coalition Mining Co., New Mont Exploration Ltd., Silver King Western Mining and Milling Co. and West Park Mining Co.